

**City of Selah
Council Minutes
of
April 27, 2004**

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Bob Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Brian Harris, Jerry Kobes, Keith Larson, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt

Members Excused: Pete McNew, Scott Smeback

Staff Present: Bob Noe, City Attorney; Stacy Dwarshius, Police Sergeant; Joe Henne, Director of Public Works; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; John Gawlik, Building and Code Enforcement Officer; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Kobes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral
2. Written

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2004
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims check nos. 42919 – 42990 for a total of \$59,592.95 and Payroll check nos. 53345 – 53530 for a total of \$142,297.82.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Schmidt and Councilman Schmid seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

1. McGonagle Park Annexation Public Hearing

Community Planner Dennis Davison stated Council set this date for a Public Hearing on the McGonagle Park annexation. He stated the property is City-owned; it is an island to be annexed for municipal purposes; it can't be used for further annexations; it will be used for a Little League park; and it will be zoned R-1 (single family residential) should it cease to be used for its current purpose.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one rise to speak for or against the annexation, he closed the Public Hearing.

K. New Business

1. McGonagle Park Annexation

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Harris seconded to approved the McGonagle Park Annexation and instruct staff to submit appropriate documentation to the Yakima County Boundary Review Board. Roll was called. Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Declaring City Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal

City Attorney Bob Noe stated this resolution allows the Council to surplus the property across the way, since there is no further municipal purpose for it.

Councilman Kobes proposed tabling this item for six months or even a year. He stated he might be biased because he is a member of the Community Days Board, and also noted Public Works currently parks trucks in the Old Fire Hall.

Councilman Schmidt said he had similar feelings, believing that once you let a piece of property like this go it's gone forever.

Councilman Larson stated that without a map, he was unsure exactly what the three parcels amount to. There ensued discussion about the location of the parcels included in the Resolution. It was suggested that they include the building and two narrow parking lots, one in front of and one behind the building.

Public Works Director Henne responded to a question about what his department uses the building for. He noted in winter Public Works stores both salt and the deicer truck in the garage to keep them clean and dry; after winter is over, they moved the truck out.

Councilman Schmid stated he would like to see this item on the agenda six months down the road and would like to see the City do a thorough study of facilities and needs. He stated he would like to get a little more information on what will happen with Community Days. He asked the Public Works Director if he has any firm numbers on the Speyers Road Public Works facility.

Mr. Henne stated he is working on getting some numbers and looking at getting a loan. He predicted that it would take at least a year at the earliest.

Mayor Jones noted that the City has been putting off that facility for years, and only recently has Public Works' equipment come up to acceptable standards. He noted the facilities are 1940's.

Councilman Kobes moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to table the Resolution Declaring City Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal to the first meeting in October (October 12, 2004) or until such time as the Capital Facilities Committee has had time to review. By voice vote, Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Adopting Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2001-1 (Southwest Basin Sub-Area Plan)

Community Planner Dennis Davison reminded Council Members that last year there was a proposal to amend the Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan to include the Southwest Basins Transportation and Utility Corridor Map. He noted this proposal is before the Council now because the City has completed its transportation plan. He stated the Planning Commission recommends adoption; however, the packet also includes an email from Bob Schwerdtfeger requesting the corridor designation include extension of the current road from New Horizons to his property on Lookout Point.

Councilman Schmid asked if the extension was part of the Transportation study and stated it is difficult to consider anything beyond the Planning Commission recommendation.

The Community Planner stated the Planning Commission looked at the Schwerdtfeger request, but chose not to include it in their recommendation. He added the Planning Commission similarly omitted a lot of individual roads.

Councilman Schmid asked if including the Schwerdtfeger request would go "out of bounds" of the growth area for the Southwest Basin and lay out a corridor that goes across several peoples' property.

Councilman Larson suggested that even if the corridor is not established now, a developer of property in between would be required to extend water and sewer to the end of his/her property.

Community Planner Davison stated by extending the corridor, the City would have some control over corridor definition to keep it straight.

Councilman Schmidt asked if this item would it need to be added since it is not a part of the Planning Commission recommendation.

Mayor Jones asked if the corridor would follow the ridgeline.

Mr. Davison responded affirmatively, noting the only thing a corridor establishes is an identified position for a developer to follow.

Mayor Jones suggested including it now.

Councilman Harris asked if years down the road a new owner could request a change of the corridor.

Councilman Larson moved and Councilman Kobes seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Resolution Adopting Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2001-1 (Southwest Basin Sub-Area Plan). Roll was called. Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – no. Motion carried.

N. Ordinances

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
 - a. Police Department Monthly Report – March 2004
 - b. Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly Report – March 2004
 - c. Building & Code Enforcement Monthly Report – March 2004

Parks & Recreation Director Hagler reported the summer Parks brochure is “fresh off the press” and handed out copies to the Council. He noted lots of kids were involved in the soccer program, and GYGSA will host a big softball tournament at Carlon Park this weekend. He stated maintenance on the pool will be done this week, and they are beginning to hire pool staff now.

Mayor Jones noted he has a community service worker he'll assign to Carlon Park to help prepare for the tournament.

City Attorney Bob Noe reported he will attend a meeting in Olympia potential legislation regarding the expansion of municipal court jurisdiction to include civil litigation.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported the Heritage Hills pump was without power for a couple of hours today. He stated the parking lot at Wixson Park should be finished today, with crews busily working to get things ready for Community Days.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported sales taxes remain healthy with 15% more received in the first four months of 2004 than in the same period last year.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported the County Commissioners are considering the Wharton annexation this afternoon, and if approved, jurisdiction will be transferred to the City of Selah. He stated the committee for the Aquatic Center has circulated an environmental assessment seeking comments on both of the sites under their consideration. He reported Yakima Valley School and Dain Paulson are in negotiations over a potential land swaps. He concluded by reporting that Charles Johnson's plat on 16th and projects by Roy Sample and Gene Mayer are ready to be brought to the Selah City Council Minutes 4/27/04

Hearing Examiner. He noted the Sample/Mayer property may be configured differently since Pacific Power is looking at purchasing some of that land.

Councilman Larson asked if gravity flow could provide water to Mr. Johnson's proposed site. The Planner said initially a booster pump would supply water.

Councilman Larson expressed his praise for the Parks Department and Recreation Programs, noting he coached basketball and two of his children have been involved in soccer this spring. He praised Parks employee Danny Speers for an "awesome job."

Councilman Harris reminded Council Members of the Chamber of Commerce Selah Stars banquet May 7 and praised opening day at McGonagle Park.

Councilman Herb Schmidt stated that lots of people are suffering from dust on such a windy day.

Councilman Kobes stated he has \$25.00 tickets for the Selah Stars banquet. He stated it is just two more weeks till Community Days and T-shirts are available for \$10.00.

Councilman Schmid commended Public Works for their hard work during today's windstorm.

Mayor Jones stated his hope that everyone will wear a Community Days T-shirt and pin for the next Council Meeting. He stated the Henrys could use help with the float, from "qualified" people.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member Harris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Gerald Kobes Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

(Excused)

Peter McNew, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

(Excused)

Scott Smeback, Council Member

Brian Harris, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer